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71% say lets vote on HRM: Poll

OPINION Residents of HRM are strongly behind a plebiscite on the idea of dividing municipality into two, a new poll shows.

The survey by Corporate Research Associates Inc. says 71 per cent of people surveyed would support holding a vote asking them whether or not to divide the HRM in two municipal units. Twenty-six per cent opposed the plebiscite idea.

The survey conducted from Nov. 5 to 20 asked 401 adults residents and carries a margin of error of 4.9 percentage points.

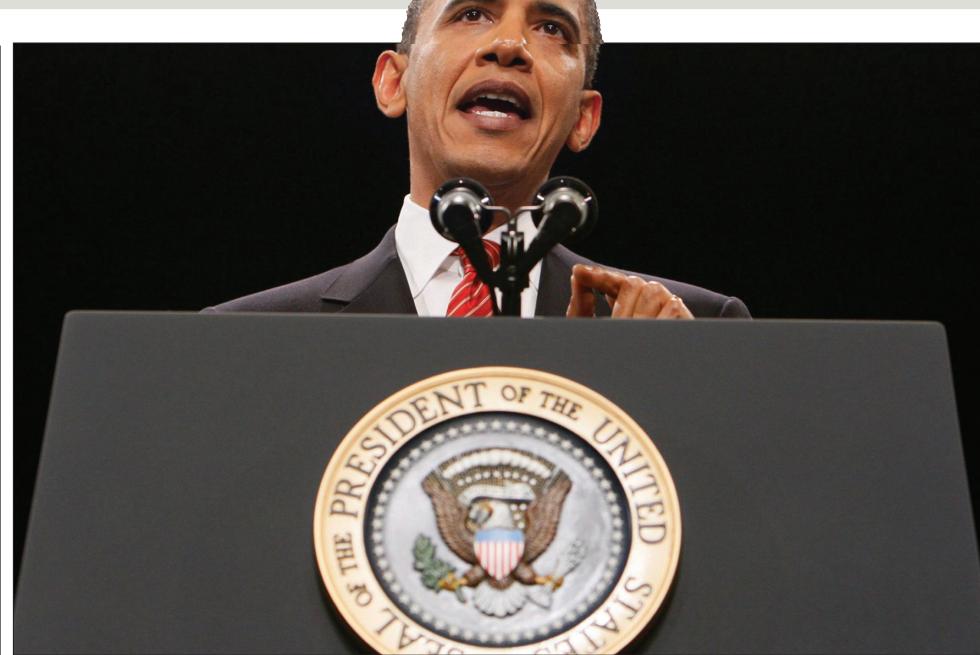
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U.S. President Barack Obama speaks on the war in Afghanistan at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., yesterday. Obama ordered an additional 30,000 U.S. troops to the region and pledge to begin withdrawing forces in 18 months. **More coverage, page 10.**

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Pilot project vaccines 1,000 students

Flu Outbreak

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OUTBREAK Over 1,000 students received the H1N1 vaccine at two Halifax area high schools this week.

About 400 students at Sackville High received the swine flu shot Monday as part of a new pilot project started this week by the Capital District Health Authority. Then yesterday, 620 students at Citadel High in Halifax were vaccinated at the second school-based clinic.

John Gillis, spokesman for Capital Health, said the numbers from Sackville High represented about 50 per cent of students in class that day. A similar percentage is represented by Citadel's total.

Sackville High and Citadel were the two schools used in this pilot project, which saw the clinics remain open after school to the general public until 9 p.m. Another 900-plus people were vaccinated in this time at Sackville High.

Gillis said the plan is to go to other high schools in the Halifax Regional School Board in the coming weeks. He said public health staff is meeting at the end of the week to finalize dates.

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Ireland: More than Guinness

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NATO looks to Canada

Military forces to command vital Arghandab district

Before the backdrop of U.S. President Barack Obama's long-awaited new Afghanistan strategy, NATO commanders are putting Canada's military command in charge of the tactically vital Arghandab district north of Kandahar city.

As a result, two full battalions of troops already in the country, one American, the other Afghan, will come under the control of Brig. Gen. Dan Menard, the commander of the Canadian contin-

Speech reaction in Afghanistan

- U.S. President Barack Obama's highly anticipated speech on his new war strategy in Afghanistan has yet to draw much reaction from Canadian soldiers there.
- The speech aired at 5:30 a.m. in Afghanistan and is expected to prompt an official reaction from Canadian commanders later today.

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gent known as Task Force Kandahar, by the new year.

"You'll get all these guys together focused on Arghandab under the command of Dan Menard," said Brig. Gen. Frederick Hodges,

director of operations for NATO's southern command.

"I think that's a significant manifestation of the importance of that place on the city."

Under U.S. Army Gen.

Stanley McChrystal, NATO has signalled its desire to shift the focus of counter-insurgency efforts to urban areas; Kandahar has been singled out among them.

Many Kandaharis consider the Arghandab an extension of the city, where security and development are already Canada's responsibility.

The U.S. army battalion that's currently posted to Arghandab has been reassigned to secure the major highways in Kandahar.

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110 jobs cut at New Minas poultry plant

LABOUR A Nova Scotia poultry processor is laying off 96 unionized workers and 14 supervisors and managers at its plant in New Minas.

ACA Co-operative Ltd., which processes chicken and turkey under the Eden Valley brand, blamed financial losses for the decision.

CEO Ian Blenkarn says the layoffs "are painful but necessary" if ACA hopes to make the plant sustainable over the long term.

ACA says the New Minas operation lost \$6 million in 2008, prompting the closure of the company's Eastern Protein Foods plant in Kentville and earlier layoffs in New Minas.

Blenkarn says those changes improved the company's financial position, but not enough to ensure its future.

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Police training adapting after Hyde's death: Officer

INQUIRY Halifax Regional Police say they are training officers to better defuse volatile situations with the mentally ill before having to resort to the use of a Taser, a fatality inquiry was told yesterday.

Sgt. Dean Stienburg, who trains police on the use of force, said the department is trying to equip officers with the skills to detect signs of mental illness and to de-escalate situations before having to deploy stun guns.

He said the force has changed its policies on mental-health training since Howard Hyde, a 45-year-old musician with a long history of paranoid schizophrenia, died in custody 30 hours after being Tasered by police.

"What we're focusing on now is when is it appropriate to use this device," he told the inquiry.



Howard Hyde

"What we're trying to do is raise awareness and how to recognize subtle clues ... that the person needs assistance."

The officer said they routinely adapt their training about mental health and the use of stun guns as research yields new information on the best use of the devices.

He said the force will change training guidelines next year to include emphasis on so-called empty-hand controls — or those that don't involve restraint devices — to restrain a person and avoid using a Taser.

"What we're focusing on now is when is it appropriate to use this (Taser) device. What we're trying to do is raise awareness and how to recognize subtle clues ... that the person needs assistance."

Sgt. Dean Stienburg, Halifax police

They also plan to train dispatchers to recognize signs of mental-health disorders when a 911 call is made and to deploy Emergency Health Services in such cases.

Stienburg said they expect to emphasize that people displaying signs of excited delirium should be treated as medical emergencies in need of immediate attention.

The revisions by police come two years after Hyde was arrested following a complaint of domestic assault. He was taken to police headquarters, where he was Tasered after becoming agitated as officers tried to fingerprint him.

He died the following day at a correctional facility. The medical examiner ruled the cause of death as excited delirium, linked to schizophrenia.

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Colder-than-normal weather predicted

But forecast's accuracy below 50%: Meteorologist

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It may be arriving later than some years, but the winter weather is definitely heading our way.

Environment Canada released its three-month outlook yesterday, and the forecast is calling for colder-than-normal temperatures as Nova Scotia moves into the chilliest months of the year. On the upside, we probably won't be seeing more than the usual amount of snow.

"For that entire three-month period ... we're looking at about normal amount of precipitation," said Environment Canada meteorologist Bob Robichaud.

Man arrested after alleged laptop theft

CRIME A 36-year-old man was in police custody last night after allegedly stealing a laptop from the Marriott Hotel in Halifax and then pulling a razor on two Good Samaritans who tried to stop him.

Police say they responded to the hotel on Grafton Street just before 2:30 p.m. yesterday and found the suspect being restrained by two hotel employees.

Unfortunately, he added, the long-term forecast is based on computer-generated models that are about as accurate as a crystal ball at a neighbourhood carnival.

"We're looking at below 50 per cent accuracy," Robichaud said. "So you kind of have to take it with a grain of salt."

After nearly a month of downright balmy temperatures — tomorrow's high is expected to hit 14 C — Haligonians have likely started to wonder when Mother Nature will wake up and blanket us all in several feet of snow, ice and general discontent.

"Temperatures, as a whole for November, were about 2.6 degrees above normal," Robichaud con-

firmed, but added that October was unusually cold, and Canadians often have short memories when it comes to the weather.

"A lot of times, people forget what we've had in other years," Robichaud said. "Sometimes, when you actually dig a bit deeper and look at the numbers, they can be a bit surprising."

A quick glance at Environment Canada's historical data for Halifax shows he's right. Just three years ago in 2006, for example, the average temperature in November was 6 C, and only 2 centimetres of snow fell from the skies above Halifax. This year, the average temperature was 5.7 C, and we got 10 centimetres of snow.

News in brief

DRUGS Three people are facing charges after police stumbled across a bag of drugs while responding to a domestic disturbance early yesterday in Halifax. A search of the home eventually uncovered a loaded gun, ecstasy and crack cocaine, a scale, and cash. Police say two men, aged 27 and 29, and a woman, 22, appeared in court yesterday afternoon to face various drug- and weapons-related charges.

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NSP makes eco-friendly power plans

ENERGY Nova Scotia Power plans to get leaner and greener over the next few years.

In a report filed with the province's Utility and Review Board this week, NSP predicts that the demand on the electrical grid will drop by about 1.5 per cent per year as Nova Scotia moves toward more sustainable energy sources and people continue to conserve power in their homes and offices.

According to NSP spokesman David Rodenbisher, the company will also continue moving toward more eco-friendly power generation. On Monday, provincial regulators gave the final stamp of approval to NSP's plan to build a \$120-million wind farm on Nuttby Mountain near Truro.

Despite the eco-friendly investments, Nova Scotia still gets 75 per cent of its electrical energy from coal, and none of NSP's four coal-fired plants are expected to close.

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Jamie Van Wart has been appointed a youth court Crown attorney in the Halifax office of the Public Prosecution Service. A native of Vancouver and graduate of Dalhousie University law school, Van Wart most recently worked as a legal aid lawyer in the Yukon. METRO HALIFAX

Dal grad appointed youth court Crown attorney

\$4.25M fund for green transportation

Province investing in school buses, heavy duty hybrids, ice rink facilities

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The province is investing \$4.25 million in green transportation such as hybrid trucks and fuel-efficient buses.

Bill Estabrooks, the minister responsible for Conserve Nova Scotia, said yesterday morning at a funding announcement at Stock Transportation in Burnside that \$1.35 million would equip school buses with fuel-efficient technology such as heaters and timers, tour optimizing software, and emission control technology.

Estabrooks said \$1 million would also be invested in anti-idling devices, aerodynamic improvements, and fuel-efficient tires, among other fuel-reducing technologies for heavy-duty class eight trucks.

Another \$1 million will purchase heavy duty hybrid vehicles including bucket trucks and other fleet vehicles, some of which can use up to 60 per cent less diesel



Bill Estabrooks, the minister responsible for Conserve Nova Scotia, raises his arms after going for a lift in the bucket of a line truck in Burnside yesterday. The province announced a \$4.25 million investment in green transportation yesterday, including \$1 million for heavy duty hybrid vehicles.

than traditional trucks, said Estabrooks.

He said \$150,000 would fund a public education

and awareness campaign promoting fuel-efficient personal vehicles.

The remaining \$750,000

will expand an existing program that helps ice rink facilities install energy and cost-saving light-

ing, heat recovery systems, and other energy efficient improvements.

"Our rinks are the cornerstones of our community," Estabrooks said. "Many of these facilities are more than 40 years old ... and use a lot of energy."

The investment will come from the ecoNova Scotia Clean Air and Climate Change fund, which is supported by a \$42.5-million federal grant for projects that reduce air emissions.

The province is proclaiming there are 67 announced projects that are working towards the 2020 goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to at least 10 per cent below Nova Scotia's 1990 levels.

"These projects will help create a cleaner, greener tomorrow for Nova Scotia families," Estabrooks said before a backdrop of a school bus and two heavy-duty trucks. "They will also help build our green economy, making Nova Scotia a global leader, a place to invest, and a place to thrive."

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Former cabinet minister Ernie Fage is being sued by two people now in relation to a motor vehicle accident several years ago.

2nd suit filed against Fage in 2006 crash

Former cabinet minister Ernie Fage has been hit with a second lawsuit stemming from the 2006 car crash that all but ended his political career.

Last Friday, Steve Bezanson filed a damages suit against Fage, claiming he suffered injuries when Fage's government-leased 2005 Volkswagen Sedan rear-ended the vehicle he was in.

Earlier last week the driver of that vehicle, George Myer, also filed a lawsuit against Fage claiming damages.

The collision occurred at the intersection of Sackville and South Park streets on Nov. 24, 2006 after Fage left the Old Triangle pub in downtown Halifax. After striking the vehicle carrying the two

Chronicle-Herald employees, Fage drove away.

He was later convicted of leaving the scene of an accident. The high-profile case caused Fage to be ousted first from cabinet, then from the Progressive Conservative caucus. He served as an independent until this spring, when he lost his Cumberland North seat to the NDP's Brian Skarab.

Bezanson's lawsuit claims Fage was negligent in operating his vehicle by driving at an excessive speed, driving in a careless and imprudent manner, and failing to take evasive manoeuvres to avoid the collision.

Bezanson said he received bodily injuries in the collision and is seeking unspecified damages.

ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Cops respond to string of car thefts

The Cape Breton Regional Police Service say they have responded to a large number of thefts from vehicles this week. Police report that some vehicles have been damaged in the course of the crime, while other thefts occurred because the vehicles were simply left unlocked. **METRO HALIFAX**

Minister says Springhill likely won't meet criteria

Prison announcement notes location needs to be near 100-series highway, services

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A new provincial prison is going ahead but some are outraged it won't be landing in Springhill.

Former transportation minister Murray Scott announced a new \$18-million prison in Springhill back in April, shortly before the Tories lost power. This fall's

budget didn't include money for the prison but the NDP said they were still looking at building a new jail.

Yesterday Justice Minister Ross Landry announced a new, 100-cell prison would be built to re-



place the aging Antigonish and Cumberland county corrections facilities. But Landry said Springhill likely does not meet the criteria for the \$31 million prison.

While a location hasn't been finalized, Landry said it needed to be central, near a 100-series highway and with easy access to essential services.

Scott accused Landry yesterday of moving the new

jail to his Pictou County riding, which is still in the running.

"Make no mistake about it. This facility and these jobs are going to Pictou County. No matter what he said this morning about looking at Antigonish and looking at Truro, Pictou County is the site for this new facility," Scott proclaimed.

Scott said the province

had already acquired 30 acres of land for the jail in Springhill and sharing services with the federal penitentiary already there would have saved costs.

Springhill Mayor Allen Dill called the loss of the jail "devastating" and said the town was relying on the project to help it crawl out of the red.

But Landry said a staff report showed a single central

prison would save millions of dollars in construction and operating costs.

"Our decision is based on the fiscal reality this province is in," Landry told reporters in Halifax.

"It's incumbent on me as the minister to take responsibility and ensure if we spend a tax dollar that we spend it soundly. And I feel that this is the best choice given our situation."

Dad fined for 'shoot him' incident

There are better ways to tell your kids to pick up around the house, a Pictou County man has learned.

William Edward Frew pleaded guilty to unsafe handling of a rifle following an incident in his home Oct. 15.

At the time of the incident, Frew claims he had H1N1, a toothache and had been working 12-hour days for the past two months.

When he discovered the laundry hadn't been done, he handed his teenaged son a .22 calibre rifle and ammunition and told him to load it and shoot him.

The rifle had a trigger lock, Crown attorney Herman Felderhoff told New Glasgow Provincial Court this week.

Frew will have to pay a \$200 fine. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

News in brief

CHARGES A 30-year-old man is facing charges of impaired driving and exceeding the legal blood alcohol limit after police

stopped a driver shortly after he left the drive thru window of a MacDonald's in Dartmouth yesterday. **METRO HALIFAX**

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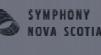
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CUPE support staff in five more school districts across the province, not including Halifax, have voted in favour of strike action, bringing the total to 18. METRO HALIFAX

Digital signs aim to make bridge safer

ALY THOMSON
For Metro Halifax

Halifax Harbour Bridges is installing digital signs as a safety precaution during dangerous driving times and to improve traffic flow on the MacKay Bridge.

The signs will communicate messages about construction, weather conditions, vehicle accidents, and other potential bridge delays.

"We have experienced challenges in trying to close the MacKay Bridge during high winds to high sided vehicles, and that has put our people in dangerous positions in the worst conditions trying to stop trucks from getting on the bridge," said Jon Eppell, an engineer with HHB.

The signs will be "strategically placed" in six locations on roads approaching the bridge. They include the Windsor and Kempt connector eastbound in Halifax, the Massachusetts Avenue connector prior to the Lady Hammond overpass, and on Victoria Road prior to Highway 111 in Dartmouth.

"These variable message signs will provide real time information to the travelling public about the conditions on the bridges," said Steve Snider, general manager and CEO of HHB.

Eppell said during a normal workday, the bridge serves more than 100,000 cars. The signs will display information specific to the location to avoid congested



Digital signs will be installed on the MacKay Bridge that will provide messages about weather conditions as well as information on construction and other delays.

traffic.

"If we don't clear an incident on the bridge, it quickly becomes gridlock during peak periods," Eppell explained. "These signs allow us to use that information to change people's travel patterns that little bit that may make a big difference."

Work on the project begins today and is being funded entirely by bridge toll money. Eppell said the total cost is about \$2.5 mil-

lion with the signs expected to be fully functional by February.

Eppell said the HHB partnered with the Halifax Regional Municipality to ensure the signs could communicate more than bridge conditions.

"It's something we saw as a benefit not just for the bridges but also for the region," he said.

The signs will be purchased, managed and operated by the HHB.

Second person charged in home invasion

CRIME A second person allegedly involved in a violent home invasion in Cape Breton that seriously injured a 27-year-old man, a resident of Eskasoni, has been officially charged.

Cynthia Paul, 18, of Eskasoni is facing counts of attempted murder, break and enter, and theft in the incident Sunday around 4:40 a.m. on the First Nations community located outside of Sydney.

Paul was arraigned yesterday afternoon at Sydney provincial court.

Sylvester Paul, 59, of Malagawatch is facing the same three charges in the incident and will appear in court Dec. 3. Paul was arraigned on Monday.

Airline says more money would have kept it afloat

SERVICE Starlink Aviation says an additional \$500,000 could have allowed the company to continue passenger service from the Yarmouth airport in Nova Scotia until a federal grant came in.

Company spokeswoman Brenda Libby says the additional funds could have carried the service past the end of January, when a \$3 million federal grant the airline believed it stood to get would have allowed the carrier to develop other projects.

Those other projects included a mechanic school and a flying school operating out of the Yarmouth airport, which Libby says would have helped the airline.

The Montreal-based carrier announced last week that it would suspend service from the Yarmouth airport, where it began operating flights to Halifax and Portland, Maine, in February. Libby said the airline carried 6,000 passengers in the 10 months since it opened.

The air service was funded by a \$2-million provincial government subsidy, which was supposed to last for five years.

The province has asked the Yarmouth International Airport Corp. to account for the money, the result of which may play a role in the province's decision to contribute more money to air service in Yarmouth.

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Halifax comedian and filmmaker, Pardis Parker, is the first Canadian to take part in the CBS Multicultural Sketch Comedy Talent Showcase this January in Los Angeles.

Local funnyman first Canuck in U.S. comedy showcase

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Halifax comedian Pardis Parker's bio reads like an adventure novel.

He was born in Sri Lanka, moved to Nova Scotia as a child, caught malaria while volunteering in the Solomon Islands and had to be airlifted out of heavy ethnic fighting.

Then again he also graduated from McGill University and at one point owned and operated a health food store.

The last few years he's been honing that breadth of experience into filmmaking and standup comedy, to steadily growing acclaim.

Recently he became, almost by accident, the first Canadian ever accepted into the CBS Multicultural Sketch Comedy Talent Showcase this January.

CBS Multicultural Sketch Comedy

- More than 3,000 performers were considered for the 13 spots.
- The showcase has helped

launch the careers of Saturday Night Live's Nasim Pedrad and The Daily Show's Wyatt Cenac.

Parker got the break while performing standup recently at a comedy club in Los Angeles.

"After one of my standup sets, a woman approached me and insisted that she allow me to set up an audition for me," he told Metro.

"I had no idea what it was for, but it didn't sound like it was a bad thing."

The audition went well enough that he was accepted to the fifth annual talent showcase.

Parker said he's hopeful, rather than nervous about the opportunity.

"At the end of the day, I still have to produce the goods," he said.

Comedy is only part of Parker's repertoire. His first short film, *Afghan*, won the jury award for best short film at the Viewfinders International Film Festival, amongst other honours.

The film stars Parker as a young filmmaker looking to use humour to cope with an anonymous act of racism.

Aside from working on developing sketch comedy routines for the CBS showcase, Parker is working on several projects including a modernized Bollywood-style film and a feature-length adaptation of *Afghan*.

Strong support for school from board

Holy Angels High School received a strong show of support from the Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board and the public at a board meeting Monday evening.

Board chair Lorne Green said there was unanimous support to maintain Holy Angels—the only public all-girls school east of Montreal—in its existing building.

"The consensus around the board table is we want to continue the operation as it exists now, in that school, in that building," he said.

The school board's official

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Lorne Green, school board

motion was that it and senior managers bring forth recommendations and strategies to sustain Holy Angels High School.

The fate of Holy Angels, which currently has a student body of about 300, has been a question mark since the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame announced their intention to

depart from their downtown Sydney convent in 2011 as well as sell the building.

Holy Angels High School is in a building which is attached to the convent owned by the sisters, who rent it out to be used as a school. The rent is paid by the Nova Scotia government.

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News in brief

FIRE SERVICES Councillors were unable to vote on recommendations by the Cape Breton Regional Fire Service to

amalgamate the three fire stations into one centrally located facility citing a lack of information. Director of fire services,

Bernie MacKinnon said the fire service is looking at two potential unnamed sites.

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Bay

A federal private member's bill aims to cut through the red tape hampering generic drug companies from shipping cheap HIV/AIDS drugs to developing countries. CBC News Online reports that MPs will today review New Democrat MP Judy Wasylcycia-Leis's bill, designed to reform Canada's access to medicines law. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada

MAPLE LEAF GARDENS

Gardens revitalized

There will be blades on the ice again at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens. Ottawa is contributing \$20 million toward the \$60-million plan to turn the hockey shrine into an athletic facility, rink and grocery store, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday. Ryerson University will contribute \$20 million and Loblaw Companies Ltd. will partner with Ryerson to raise the remaining \$20 million. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Minister of State (Status of Women) Helena Guergis places a red rose among 14 white roses during a ceremony to commemorate Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women on Parliament Hill yesterday in Ottawa.

Massacre memorial boycotted

Critics blame 'hypocritical' Tories

Opposition critics boycotted a non-partisan ceremony yesterday marking the 20th anniversary of the Dec. 6 l'Ecole Polytechnique massacre, saying they couldn't stand alongside the Conservative status of women minister.

Liberal, NDP and Bloc Québécois MPs who sit on the House of Commons status of women committee argued that Tory policies have rolled back the fight for women's equality and safety.

They pointed to the Conservative government's elimination of the court challenges program and to the move to abolish the gun registry — something that some Liberal and NDP members also support.

"We consider this (ceremony) a hypocritical gesture because her government has shown itself from the beginning to be hostile to all women's demands," said Bloc MP Nicole Demers.

Liberal MP Anita Neville said: "I find it difficult to stand beside a minister who chooses not to advocate for women, who chooses to follow the party line, who chooses to endorse the elimination of the long-gun registry."

The sombre ceremony in the House of Commons foyer was led by a senior bureaucrat at Status of Women Canada, and Guergis did not speak.

About two dozen parliamentarians and staff, including NDP MP Libby Davies and Liberal MP Judy Sgro, placed 14 white roses in a vase to represent the 14 women gunned down in 1989. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Quebec Liberals accused of turning famed daycare program into a "pay-to-play" scheme. Scan this barcode for the full article.

Liberals accuse Conservatives of concealing stimulus job numbers

ECONOMY The Harper government is well aware of how many jobs are being created through its massive infrastructure stimulus spending, but is embarrassed to publish the numbers, the Liberals are charging.

The Conservatives have always maintained that they do not track the job creation that stems from their \$16-billion effort to cushion the blow of the recession.

But Liberal MP Gerard Kennedy produced paperwork yesterday from the Ottawa-Ontario agreement on the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund. The form shows that the federal government required municipalities to report how many positions they intend to create, and over what time period.

"They know. What they don't want to do is tell. They're doing that for one reason. It's because their projects are failing."

He accused the Conservatives of suppressing that information from the public because the job-creation numbers are shamefully low. He said his research has shown that on-

stimulus programs such as the Knowledge Infrastructure Program and Recreational Infrastructure Canada, requiring recipients of federal money to report how many positions they intend to create, and over what time period.

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ly a small proportion of the projects that have been announced are actually underway, implying weak job creation so far.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is releasing his fourth update on stimulus spending today in Winnipeg. Federal sources say he will report that 12,000 projects have been announced so far, with 8,000 of them already underway.

Transport Minister John Baird, who controls the largest pot of infrastructure money, ignored requests from Kennedy that he release details on jobs and construction progress to date. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MPs vote for public inquiry into detainees, but Tories likely to shrug

CONTRADICTIONS The House of Commons has voted in favour of holding a judicial inquiry into the treatment of Afghan detainees, but the majority motion will likely be ignored by the governing Conservatives.

The Harper government, citing national security concerns, has been fiercely resisting attempts to fully probe the sensitive issue of whether Canada met all its international legal obligations in the handover of Afghan prisoners captured by Canadian troops.

New Democrat MP Paul Dewar, in introducing the motion, noted the contradicting stories that have emerged at a Commons committee probing what was known about abuse in Afghan prisons in 2006-07. "We're actually asking for politics to be taken out of the hothouse debate," Dewar argued.

But the suggestion of an independent inquiry met with indignation from Defence Minister Peter MacKay, who said the inquiry demand is "fuelled by partisan politics ... by unfounded allegations." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

CRASH A float plane that crashed Sunday off Saturna Island, B.C., killing six, is being raised today from the ocean floor. The Transportation Safety Board's Bill Yearwood says divers have hooked the wreckage to a crane that will hoist the plane onto a barge.

Yearwood says investigators will do a preliminary inspection of the single-engine Beaver before it's sent to Vancouver for a detailed examination.

The Seair Seaplanes aircraft crashed on takeoff from Lyall Harbour on Sunday afternoon. Only the pilot and one passenger managed to escape. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ottawa Museum workers strike



Julie Hughes, a public service employee with 30 years experience, centre, holds a sign during a rally of striking museum workers on Parliament Hill yesterday in Ottawa.

Brazilian wins ski bum contest at B.C. resort

SKIING A 29-year-old Brazilian has won a contest to be a B.C. ski bum, promoting the province's slopes to tourists around the world.

Thiago Lucene beat out 50 people from nine countries in the I Want to Be a Ski Bum promotion by Sun Peaks Resort.

In October, the resort called on skiers and snow-

boarders to send in a 60-second YouTube video about why they should be chosen to woo tourists to the facility through a daily blog and updates on Twitter and Facebook.

Resort spokeswoman Melanie Simmons says Lucene's energy and passion for skiing shone through in his creative

video, phone interview and written assignment.

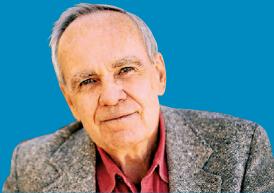
She says he's excited about bringing an emerging snow culture to Brazil after having done much of his skiing in Chile, Argentina and California.

His three-month stint at Sun Peaks will begin in January.

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HarperCollins spokeswoman Tina Andreadis said yesterday that just two weeks after publication, Sarah Palin's memoir has sold one million copies, attaining platinum status. The print run for Going Rogue has been increased to 2.8 million copies. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

World



McCarthy selling typewriter

Writing the next Great American Novel but need a little inspiration? Consider the 1958 Olivetti that Cormac McCarthy used to write his novels, including *The Road* and *No Country for Old Men*. Both books were turned into movies. Christie's will auction McCarthy's metal dinosaur Friday and says it could sell for \$15,000 US to \$20,000 US. A blue carrying case and the author's letter of authentication will be included.

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H1N1 Vaccine Clinic Schedule

Dec. 2 – Dec. 4

Please note: clinic locations and hours may be updated often. For the most up-to-date Vaccine Schedule, visit www.cdha.nshealth.ca or www.iwk.nshealth.ca or call 811.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Halifax Forum Maritime Hall, Halifax	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
St. Margaret's Centre Gym, Upper Tantallon	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Dartmouth Sportsplex Common Room Entrance, Dartmouth	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Cornerstone Wesleyan Church Main Entrance, Hammonds Plains	9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 3

Cole Harbour Place 2nd Floor Westfall and Forest, Cole Harbour	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Cornerstone Wesleyan Church Main Entrance, Hammonds Plains	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Ecole du Carrefour Gym, Dartmouth	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Eastern Shore Community Centre Musquodoboit Harbour	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
North Preston Community Centre Gym B, North Preston	9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 4

Halifax Forum Maritime Hall, Halifax	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Cole Harbour Place 2nd Floor Westfall and Forest, Cole Harbour	2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Cornerstone Wesleyan Church Main Entrance, Hammonds Plains	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
Captain William Spy Community Centre Community Meeting Room-Main Entrance, Spyfield	9:30 am - 2:30 pm

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30,000 more troops Afghanistan-bound

U.S. President Barack Obama is dispatching 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan, accelerating a risky and expensive war buildup, even as he assures Americans that U.S. forces will begin coming home in July 2011. The first new Marines will join the fight by Christmas.

Obama unveiled his plans yesterday evening in a long-anticipated, high-profile speech broadcast from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in what could become a defining moment of his presidency and a political gamble that may weigh heavily on his chances for a second White House term.

It represents the beginning of a campaign to restore support for the war

effort among an American public grown increasingly pessimistic about success — and among some fellow Democrats in Congress wary of or even opposed to spending billions more dollars and putting tens of thousands more U.S. soldiers and marines in harm's way.

A new survey by the Gallup organization, released yesterday, showed only 35 per cent of Americans now approve of Obama's handling of the war; 55 per cent disapprove.

The escalation — to be completed by next summer — is designed to re-

verse significant Taliban advances and to fast-track the training of Afghan soldiers and police.

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India World AIDS Day



Traditional Bihu dancers participate in an event yesterday to mark World AIDS Day in Gauhati, India. Nearly 2.5 million people in India are infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, but talking about the disease and sexual health issues in general is still largely taboo.

Man suspected of shooting cops killed

CRIME The man suspected of gunning down four police officers in a suburban coffee shop was shot and killed by a lone patrolman investigating a stolen car early yesterday.

Four people were arrested for allegedly helping the suspect elude authorities during a massive two-day manhunt.

Maurice Clemons was carrying a handgun he took from one of the dead

officers when a Seattle policeman recognized him near a stolen car in a south Seattle neighbourhood about 2:45 a.m., assistant police Chief Jim Pugel said.

The vehicle was running when the officer pulled up, radioed in the licence plate number and realized the car was stolen, Pugel said.

The officer saw something moving, got out of his car, saw Clemons and ordered him to show his

hands and stop.

"He wouldn't stop," Pugel said. "The officer fired several rounds."

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"He stole my technique," quips infamous shoe-throwing Iraqi reporter after dodging a shoe himself. Scan this barcode for the full article.

Mom smothers baby on flight by accident

A breast-feeding mother accidentally smothered her four-week old child aboard a United Airlines flight from Washington, D.C., to Kuwait, a British tabloid reported yesterday.

The Sun newspaper said the mother, who it said was a 29-year-old Egyptian-born woman, fell asleep as she breast-fed on the jet and awoke to find that the child had been smothered. The paper said the plane was diverted to London's Heathrow in an attempt to save the baby's life.

The paper cited an unnamed police source in its reporting. Scotland Yard confirmed that a United Airlines plane had been diverted to Heathrow in late

November after reports that a four-week-old girl was in distress.

The police said in a statement that the baby was taken to a nearby hospital, where she was pronounced dead. It added that an autopsy had been performed, but results were still pending.

"The death is being treated as unexplained and the Child Abuse Investigation Team is investigating the circumstances," the statement said.

Scotland Yard did not go into further detail, although Britain's Press Association news agency reported that such investigations were standard practice.

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Protected witness in drug corruption case shot dead

MEXICO CITY Gunmen burst in to a Starbucks coffee shop yesterday and killed a former policeman who was a protected witness in a drug corruption case, the second death of a high-profile witness in Mexico in less than two weeks.

Edgar Bayardo was gunned down in the upper middle-class Del Valle neighbourhood of the capital, and a man with him was severely wounded, city prosecutor Jaime Slomianski Aguilar said. Another customer who apparently had nothing to do with Bayardo also was wounded.

Shell casings lay on the shop floor between the door and the counter. The killing bore all the hallmarks of an organized

crime execution.

Two assailants entered the shop and, without saying a word, opened fire on Bayardo with an automatic weapon, authorities said. They fled with a third accomplice in a waiting vehicle that the attackers abandoned a few blocks away.

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Tempers flare in health-care debate

HEALTH A Republican senator contended yesterday during raucous floor debate that President Barack Obama's health care overhaul will shorten the lives of seniors by cutting federal coverage for the elderly.

"I have a message for you: You're going to die sooner," said Republican Sen. Tom Coburn, an obstetrician-turned-lawmaker.

A senior Democrat decried such comments as "scare tactics" designed to kill legislation that he said would improve some benefits for the elderly. As the Senate pushed toward the first votes on the legislation, the debate recalled

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31M insured

- The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that 31 million uninsured individuals would receive insurance if the bill were enacted, many of them assisted by federal subsidies.

the raw charges of the summer's town hall meetings. The Senate was debating an amendment by Republican Sen. John McCain that would strip from the bill more than \$400 billion in Medicare cuts to home health providers, hospitals, hospices and others.

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Comment

Changing our channels of thought

The West View

Paul Sullivan



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It looks as if Al Jazeera is coming to a TV near you. Maybe as close as your living room, if you have cable.

Last week, the CRTC approved Al Jazeera English

(AJE), the Qatar-based English-language version of the most popular news network in the Muslim world, and the cable companies are lining up to carry the signal.

This is in marked contrast to the last round, in 2003, when its sister network, AJA (Al Jazeera Arab), tried for a licence in Canada and was vigorously opposed. This time, there were 2,600 submissions to the CRTC in favour. What a difference a few years makes.

I don't know if, as Al

Jazeera claims, that the AJE and AJA are really two different organizations. I mean, really. But according to the CRTC, AJE "will expand the diversity of editorial points of view in the Canadian broadcasting system." And we're all for that.

Of course, if you stop to think about it for a minute, that seems to imply that there is no one standard, grade-A version of the truth, and the only way we can snag that elusive commodity is to net it with a diversi-

ty of editorial points of view.

If news organizations such as Al Jazeera (and to be fair, Fox News, the BBC, Global, NBC, CBC, etc.) were all as objective as they claim to be, wouldn't they all be broadcasting the same, true stories?

And how far will we go with this diversity of editorial opinion notion? If TTVN (Taliban TV Network) wanted access to the nation's living rooms, how would the CRTC respond?

Let me point out quickly that I'm pretty much in favour of the AJE application. I know its managing director Tony Burman pretty well. We used to work together at the CBC and spent many shifts trying to figure what to put on or what not to put on The Journal. There was nothing in his demeanour to indicate terrorist tendencies. Once in a while he got a little grumpy, but that might have been the takeout we were forced to consume.

Still, if objectivity and truth exist totally in the eye of the beholder, will we ever really have any basis for agreement?

This problem is nothing new. In fact, it originated in the Middle East, even before the invention of television. It was called the Tower of Babel: Mass confusion, 24/7. Is it really so different today?

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Word on the street: Who do you support in the cable TV vs. local broadcaster debate?

Chris Drane
Sackville

A: I don't think we should have to pay money for something we already have.



Mary Jones
Bedford

A: I really feel strongly we have to keep local TV. I think they should get the money support from the government.



Daniel Batten
Lower Sackville

A: If there was a choice I would not want to pay for something I am already getting now for free.



Melissa Etherington
Edmonton

A: Local TV because I think that cable TV is like a big company and that it's just like water, how they try to commercialize it.



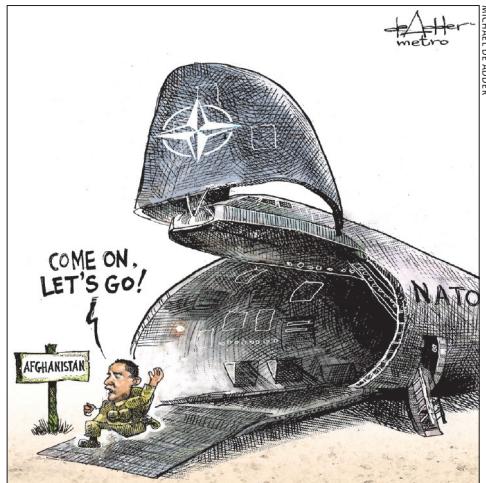
Orri Sachar
Vancouver

A: To be honest Canadian TV isn't all that important to me ... I don't really support bailing out cable stations that made mistakes along the road.



Erica Woods
Toronto

A: I think that both cable channels and network channels are greedy ... Cable is fairly expensive already, so this is price gouging. I agree with neither.



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GM CEO resigns

General Motors Co. CEO Frederick Henderson stepped down yesterday after the board determined that the company wasn't changing quickly enough. Chairman Ed Whitacre Jr. said at a hastily called news conference that he will serve as interim CEO, and a search for a new CEO and president is planned. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business



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Germany Christmas rush



MARTIN MESSNER/REUTERS

People walk into the city centre of Dortmund, Germany, for Christmas shopping yesterday. Germany's highest court has ruled that shops must remain closed on Sundays, overturning legislation that allowed stores to open seven days a week.

Growth will be sluggish: Bank

ECONOMY Scotiabank's chief economist says North American economic growth will be sluggish in the coming months as the global economy struggles to get a recovery off the ground.

Warren Jestin told an economic conference Tuesday that inventory adjustments, particularly in the auto sector, will drive growth as companies ramp up production.

Jestin warned that developed economies could risk weakening again as stimulus packages start to run their course.

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Barrick eliminates all its gold hedges

GOLD Barrick Gold Corp. has eliminated all of its gold hedges ahead of schedule, the world's largest gold producer said yesterday.

The news sent Barrick's shares up by \$3.55 or 7.9 per cent to \$48.41 in afternoon trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The hedges had limited Barrick's ability to take advantage of rising gold prices, although they also were designed to protect the company from lower prices.

The Toronto-based company said Tuesday that its positive view on gold

prices spurred a decision to speed up the elimination of its hedges.

Barrick announced in September it would eliminate all its gold hedges within 12 months.

To fund the elimination, it issued equity for net proceeds of \$3.9 billion US in September, and \$1.25 billion in new long-term debt securities in October.

The hedges were contracts where Barrick had sold forward gold ounces and would receive a fixed price upon delivery. As a result, it was assured of getting that price.

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Analysts remain cautiously optimistic for a slow and steady recovery after release of new economic reports. Scan this barcode for the full story.

Business in brief

REDEMPTION Telus Corp. announced yesterday it plans a partial early redemption of \$1.95 billion in notes issued in

2001. The notes, which it issued in May 2001, are due June 1, 2011.

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Automaker sales jump from last year

Toyota reports record boost for November

Canadian sales for many automakers jumped in November, due in large part to the fact that last November was when the industry — and the economy — collapsed.

But big jumps in car sales numbers weren't due solely to year-over-year comparisons — Toyota and Hyundai both reported record sales for the month of November, a sign that consumers are increasingly willing to spend money on big-ticket items like cars.

Toyota Canada said Tuesday that it sold 14,829 vehicles in November, up 27.4 per cent from a year earlier. This boost was led

26.2 The percentage
Hyundai Auto Canada Corp. reported sales were up from a year earlier.

by truck sales, which were up 54.1 per cent. The luxury Lexus division sold 1,283 vehicles, up 11.4 per cent to its best November on record.

Meanwhile, Hyundai is quickly distinguishing itself as an able competitor with the five companies that traditionally lead the pack in terms of Canadian market share — General Motors, Chrysler, Ford, Honda and Toyota.

Ford (NYSE:F) — which

set itself apart from its North American competitors by neither filing for bankruptcy protection nor asking for government bailout money earlier this year — also had a positive November, although its sales increase wasn't as dramatic as in previous months.

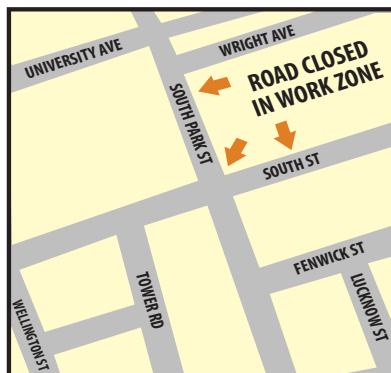
Ford Canada said its sales were up 7.5 per cent in November, its sixth consecutive month of sales gains.

The vehicles built at Ford's Oakville, Ont., plant — which include the Lincoln MKX, Ford Edge and Ford Flex — saw their sales improve by 25 per cent.

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Southend Halifax Road Construction



(inbound) to the area just south (outbound) of the VG Hospital parking lot entrance.

Pedestrian access will be maintained. There is no on street parking in the work zone.

Please note, all shops and services adjacent to the work zone will remain open during the construction period.

Municipal service disruptions, if required, will be kept to a minimum duration and affected residents and businesses will be notified in advance. Experienced traffic control personnel will be on-site to ensure smooth traffic flow. On site personnel will also maintain communication with local residents and businesses to help minimize disruption. The hours of work will be Monday to Friday 7:00am to 6:00pm, with weekends as required. We apologize for any inconvenience this necessary work may cause.

Please note, on or about Wednesday, December 2nd, the intersection of Fenwick and South Park Streets will reopen.

For more information please visit www.halifaxwater.ca or contact Steve Hogan, 240-1289 or James Campbell, 490-4604.

Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Garrett Clarke is a game-day decision for Thursday's home game against the Gatineau Olympiques. Clarke has missed the past six games with a knee injury. METRO HALIFAX

Sports



Upshaw honoured

Halifax's Christian Upshaw has been named Atlantic University Sport's male athlete of the week. The fourth-year guard piled up 53 points, padding his conference-leading scoring average in a pair of victories as his St. Francis Xavier X-Men cruised into the holiday break with a 6-0 record. METRO HALIFAX

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Fewer Quebec games for AUS teams

New agreement will see one interlock contest on each school's schedule instead of two

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Atlantic University Sport's interlocking football schedule with Quebec isn't gone, but it has been cut in half.

The AUS and Quebec Student Sport Federation announced yesterday a new three-year agreement that will see each AUS team play one interlock game per season. A premiére matchup is already set for next Sept.



18, with the Saint Mary's Huskies hosting the Laval Rouge et Or at Huskies Stadium.

The second interlock game from the previous agreement has been replaced with another all-AUS matchup.

"The status quo wasn't an option," said AUS executive director Phil Currie.

"We worked together to come up with a solution and this was the best we could come up with for both parties ... It was either this or no interlock at all."

The interlock matchups are based on standings from the previous season to promote competitive games. That's how the first-place Huskies drew the first-place Rouge et Or.

The four-team AUS relies on the six-team QSSF to provide competition

2010 Interlock Schedule

All games will be played on Saturday, Sept. 18.

- Laval Rouge et Or at Saint Mary's Huskies
- Montreal Carabins at St. F.X.

X-Men

- Acadia Axemen at Bishop's Gaiters
- Mount Allison Mounties at Sherbrooke Vert et Or

and add variety to its eight-game schedule. Each QSSF team will play two interlock games over the course of the agreement.

Currie said he hasn't seen "any indication"

Currie said Université de Moncton, with a new 10,000-seat stadium, is an intriguing new option. He also talked in detail about University of New Brunswick, Dalhousie and University of Prince Edward Island are other considerations.

"It's kind of forcing our hand to develop an expansion strategy within the AUS and that's what we're prepared to do," Currie said. "We're going to pursue that right away."

'Everybody plays with a little bit of a pain in their life'

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Peter Delmas has decided to play through the pain.

Despite a hip injury that might eventually require surgery, the Quebec Remparts star goaltender from Bedford is going to stick it out for the time being in a bid to win the second Quebec Major Junior Hockey League title of his career.

Delmas sat out for about two weeks as he underwent a battery of tests and pondered shutting it down for the season, but got back on the ice last weekend on a three-game road trip to the Maritimes and has no intentions of looking back.

"There's a lot of talk about surgery but at this point there's no surgery needed," he said.

"I'm just going to continue to play and hopefully

play as long as I can. If there is surgery, hopefully it's going to be at the end of the year."

Delmas said he can't do much about the discomfort. Stretching and ice helps, but it's more of a mental hurdle.

"Everybody plays with a little bit of a pain in their life so it shouldn't be too big of a problem," he said.

The 19-year-old is the foundation of Quebec's championship blueprint. The Remparts, who are stocked with a whopping seven NHL draft choices,

are second in the QMJHL with a 19-6-5 record. Delmas is their starter, boasting a 2.77 goals-against average and a .913 save percentage in 16 starts.

The Colorado Avalanche second-round draft choice spent the first three years of his junior career with the Lewiston Maineiacs before Remparts head coach and general manager Patrick Roy went after him in a trade this past summer.

He called Quebec "10 times better than Lewiston."

"We're a pretty stellar team," he said.

"We have a lot of depth, we're really good on paper, and we're playing more as a team. We're looking to make a good run for it."

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Despite a hip injury that might eventually require surgery Quebec Remparts goaltender Peter Delmas is still playing.

Rainmen waiting on top draft pick

BASKETBALL The Halifax Rainmen's top draft choice still hasn't reported to training camp and might not show up at all.

Omar Weaver, a six-foot-eight guard/forward picked sixth overall in the Premier Basketball League draft, is having undisclosed paperwork issues in his attempt to come to Canada.

Kendel Provet, a guard hoping to try out for the team, is having similar problems and also hasn't shown.

"If it's gonna take too long, we're going to go in another direction," said Rainmen owner Andre Livingston. "I'm already talking to players. We can't be without."

The Rainmen opened training camp in Yarmouth yesterday.

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Bruins lock up Savard

Marc Savard is staying put in Boston for a while. The Bruins have signed the centre to a seven-year contract extension that will keep him with the club through the 2016-17 season. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Woods must pay \$164 fine

All Tiger Woods has to do is pay a \$164 US fine — less than a round of golf at Torrey Pines — and his dealings with Florida authorities over his infamous car accident will be over.

What hasn't ended is the public's fascination with his private life, which may get more complicated. Us Weekly magazine, which hits newsstands today, features a cover story alleging that a Los Angeles cocktail waitress had a 31-month affair with the world's No. 1 golfer — and that the proof was in 300 text messages.

Last week, just two days before Woods crashed his SUV into a fire hydrant and tree, the National Enquirer published a story alleging that Woods had been seeing a New York nightclub hostess, and that they were recently together in Melbourne, where Woods competed in the Australian Masters.

The woman, Rachel Uchitel, denied having an

affair with Woods when contacted by The Associated Press.

The world's most famous athlete will be cited for careless driving outside his home in the exclusive gated community of Isleworth. It will cost him four points on his driver's licence, but he will not face criminal charges, the Florida Highway Patrol said yesterday.

Woods, who was briefly unconscious after the crash, never spoke with investigators. Instead, he provided his driver's licence, vehicle registration and proof of insurance to investigators, as required by Florida law.

The patrol "is not pursuing criminal charges in this matter nor is there any testimony or other evidence to support any additional charges of any kind other than the charge of careless driving," said Sgt. Kim Montes, a spokesman for the highway patrol.

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Montreal Canadian Ryan O'Byrne is checked by Nikolai Kulemin of the Toronto Maple Leafs yesterday. PAUL CHAMOISEAU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leafs win; goalie sent to hospital

NHL

Maple Leafs 3 Canadiens 0



Toronto goaltender Jonas Gustavsson had to be taken to hospital after the first period with a heart issue, but Joey MacDonald stepped in and made 18 saves to complete the Maple Leafs' first shutout of the season last night in a 3-0 win over the Montreal Canadiens.

Gustavsson was pulled

from the game after stopping all eight shots he faced in the first and taken to hospital with an elevated heart rate.

He had a similar problem in the pre-season and had an ablation, a common medical procedure among athletes. The Leafs say he was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Colton Orr, Jeff Finger and Matt Stajan scored for the Leafs (7-12-7), who have earned 10 of a possible 14 points over their last seven games (4-1-2).

Phil Kessel added two as-

sists for Toronto, giving him four points in his last three games.

Carey Price made 28 saves in his ninth straight start in goal for the Canadiens (12-13-2), who generated very little offensively in spite of the return from injury of centre Scott Gomez and winger Matt D'Agostini.

But when Montreal did manage to generate some pressure, MacDonald was there to foil them to earn his first win of the season.

The Canadiens are winless in three games.

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Sports in brief

NHL The NHL board of governors has approved the sale of the Montreal Canadiens to the Molson family. Geoff Molson and his brothers, Andrew and Justin, are the lead investors in a group that is paying a reported \$575 million US for the storied franchise.

NBA Allen Iverson and the Philadelphia 76ers are closer to a reunion. A person with knowledge of the contract talks says the Sixers offered a one-year, non-guaranteed contract to Iverson yesterday.

FOOTBALL Florida State coach Bobby Bowden will end his 44-year coaching career after the Seminoles play in a bowl game. Bowden, 80, will retire as the second winningest coach in major-college football. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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Acura ZDX: Road thrill

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for Metro Canada



This month, Acura is launching its bravely styled new brand leader, the 2010 ZDX crossover. Like the BMW X6, this similarly profiled soft-roader unabashedly advertises its form over function. Unlike the four place Bimmer, the ZDX will seat five, but it doesn't have as much cargo capacity as the compact Honda Fit.

Fine. So Acura's new luxury crossover will be an emotional, right brain purchase. In that context, it's a pretty cool rig.

Acura's new grinning metallic grill looks most at home here, parked on the front of this intriguing wedge with the origami edges and all-glass roof. With "hidden" rear door handles and an extreme fast-back profile, it tricks the eye into thinking it's a two-door vehicle.

The ZDX is built in Alliston,

2010 Acura ZDX

Type: Luxury crossover
Price: from \$55,990
Engine: 3.7L SOHC V6
HP: 300
Torque: 270 lb-ft

Highlights

- Athletic performance
- Impressive interior
- Built in Canada

ton, Ont., along side the Acura MDX, from which it gets its platform and most mechanics.

Motivation comes from the MDX's 300 hp 270 lb-ft 3.7L SOHC V6 hooked to an all-new six-speed auto with paddle shifters. It also shares the MDX's SH-AWD (super handling all wheel drive) with torque vectoring rear differential that overdrives the outside rear wheel when cornering.

The Acura MDX is certainly one of the more athletic full-sized SUVs, so it's no surprise the ZDX takes



Things of beauty

Award-winning car writer and design critic Stephen Bayley explores the 86 most beautiful cars ever produced in his latest book *Cars: Freedom, Style, Sex, Power, Motion, Colour, Everything*. The jaw-dropping black-and-white photos of the cars are alone worth the hefty \$80 price tag.

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The ZDX is built in Alliston, Ont., along side the Acura MDX, from which it gets its platform and most mechanics. The interior features an organic flow of curves and top-shelf materials.

this althetism a step further with its lower centre of gravity and reduced curb weight.

Over the twisty canyon roads of our test loop, this four-door SUV/CUV coupe thingy never put a wheel wrong. While you can't feel the active diff working, you know it is because of the ZDX's quick turn in and fluidity through the bends. Suspension tuning takes a good balance between body control and

comfort and the hydraulic steering has good feel.

The ZDX's interior is the nicest effort I've seen from this company, featuring an organic flow of concave and convex curves and top-shelf materials. Hand-sewn full-grain leather covers the lower sweep of the dash, door panels and seats.

Standard is a three-view rear view camera, powered tailgate, heated rear seats and headlight washers. The cabin is quieted by



cancelling frequencies sent forth from the audio system.

Tall folks in the back seat will find their pompadours perilously close to the scooped out headliner.

No surprise there. The nicely appointed cargo

area is designed to hold four sets of golf clubs though, so at least the passengers will have something to look forward to.

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When the Millennials go marching in

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In preparation for the North American launch of the Fiesta at the L.A. auto show today, Ford did extensive research on Millennials — people who are reaching driving age in the Twitter era.

The Millennials are coming! They're coming over the hills, armed with newly minted driving licenses, numerous texting and music devices, and a whole bunch of unique to them expectations about the automotive experience.

I say we run for cover.

But the automakers can't wait to embrace them, no doubt already tired of dealing with cranky baby boomers and their ever-changing lifestyles, as well as the generation after that, those jaded generation-X types.

The Millennial Genera-

tion is variously referred to as Generation Y, Generation Next, the Net Generation, or the Echo Boom. Either way, they are the demographic with birth dates between the mid-1970s and the 1990s — the children of the baby boomers.

Some automakers are more than ready to fulfill their needs. But before you do that, you have to figure

what are their needs are, and how they tick.

One company that did lots of research in this area was Ford, in preparation for the North American launch of Fiesta, which precisely targets Millennials.

The North American Fiesta actually debuts today, at the L.A. auto show. Last week some auto scribes, including yours truly, were in

Dearborn, Mich., to get a "deep dive" into everything Fiesta. Sherry Connelly, Ford's global trends and futuring manager, told us what Ford had learned about Millennials. So here are the bullet points (paraphrased)...

- They grew up in the era of miniaturization of products, mostly electronics. Consequently, they understand bigger isn't necessarily better.
- They never expect to be disconnected from their friends and activities, via electronic communication thingies. Being in a car should not disrupt this whatsoever.
- Automakers, and other marketers, need to use non-traditional media to get the word out to these people. Twitter, not television.

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If you want to be green this holiday, take the bus or train, but if you must fly, stick with economy seating, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists. UCS researchers compared trips by car, plane, train and bus to find out which transportation choices generate the fewest emissions. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel



A place to put up your paws and relax

Furry travellers now have a place to stretch their legs at Atlanta's airport. A new fenced-in dog park is part of the ground transportation centre on the west end of the passenger terminal at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The 93-square-metre park, which opened last month, can accommodate two pooches at a time and features flowers, grass, rocks, benches and two original pieces of art.

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Discover Obama's 'lost years'

New York walk tour shows where the U.S. president cut his intellectual teeth

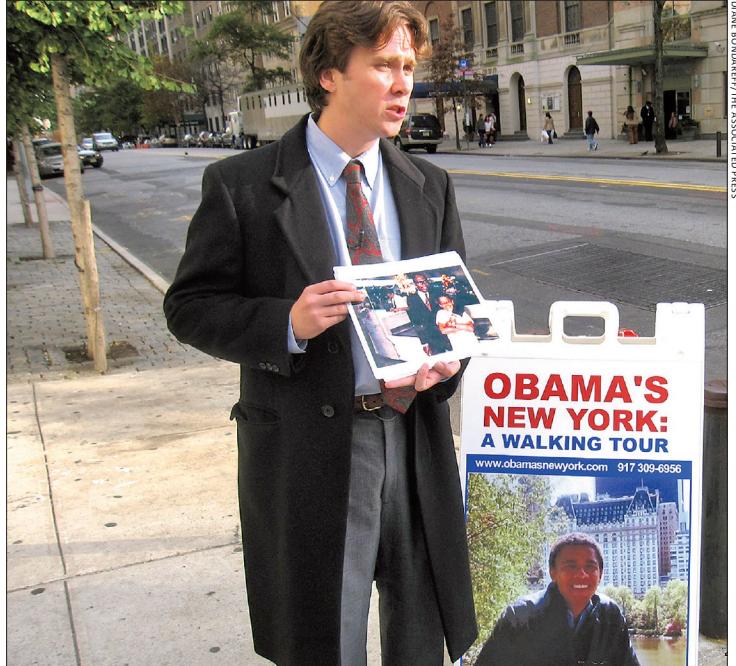
Jeremiah Miller calls the time Barack Obama spent in New York "the lost years," because that period from 1981 to 1985 is not as well-known as his roots in Hawaii or his recent years in Chicago. To fill in the gap, Miller offers a tour of Upper Manhattan called "Obama's New York."

The two-hour \$25 walking tour includes stops at Columbia University, a Harlem subway station, and the street where the man who now sleeps in the White House once slept in an alley.

"I became intrigued by the fact that not much is known about his life during this period, but this was a pivotal time for him," said Miller. "He was searching for himself. He felt he didn't fit in. That's why he came to New York — to find community."

Obama completed his college degree at Columbia University in 1983, having transferred there as a junior from Occidental College in Los Angeles. After college, he worked in Harlem for the New York Public Interest Research Group, a job that led to community organizing in Chicago.

Obama even opens his memoir, *Dreams From My Father*, with a scene in New York. It was the day he got the news that his Kenyan father was dead. Miller pauses on a sidewalk while leading the tour to narrate that dramatic opening passage from the book, as he reads aloud Obama's recollection of the phone call from a relative in Kenya:



Above: The Obama walking tour takes tourists through the places that shaped the U.S. President's intellectual roots. Upper right: Obama spent his first night in New York sleeping on the streets after no one was home at that apartment he was to be staying at.

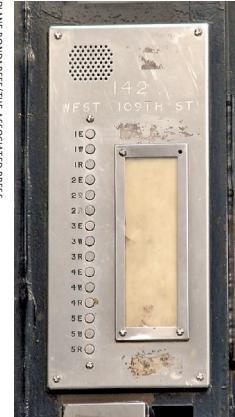
tion of the phone call from a relative in Kenya:

"Can you hear me? I say, your father is dead.' ... That was all, the line cut off, and I sat down on the couch, smelling eggs burn in the kitchen, staring at cracks in the plaster, trying to measure my loss."

Miller reads another passage from the memoir while standing on 109th Street near Amsterdam Avenue, where, Obama wrote, "I spent my first



Obama completed his college degree at Columbia University.



night in Manhattan curled up in an alleyway."

He was supposed to stay in an apartment at 142 W. 109th St., and eventually he did move in, but nobody was home when he arrived.

After several other stops, the tour ends by hopping on the No. 1 train and heading uptown to City College in Harlem.

Here Obama worked for NYPIRG, organizing students on issues like recycling. He also lobbied to have the 137th Street subway station cleaned up.

Miller contends that the time Obama spent in New York put the future president on a path of activism and community service that eventually led to the White House.

"It was where Barry the boy became Barack the man," Miller said. "He may not have found his community, but he did find himself." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Museum not a black or white issue

RACISM Every day before heading to Little Rock Central High School in the fall of 1957, nine black students gathered at Daisy and L.C. Bates's home to prepare for the angry mob they faced as they integrated the all-white school.

"It was kind of like a war room in a sense," said Carlotta Walls LaNier, one of the black students commonly known as the Little Rock Nine. "It was a place that we gathered and got ready to go to school."

The small tan brick home in south Little Rock is easy to miss, with a plaque in the front yard marking it as a national historic site. In 2001, then-Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee signed legislation making the third Monday in February a holiday to honour Bates.

But a non-profit is changing that by opening the house, during Black History Month, as a museum.

The L.C. and Daisy Bates Museum Foundation Inc. and the Christian Ministerial Alliance, which owns the house, has made \$75,000 in repairs and is promoting the site as a complement to a museum about the desegregation crisis located near Central High School.

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Bates

- Daisy Bates, who died in 1999, served as a mentor to the black students who integrated the school.

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Roosevelt Hotel brings its Christmas display back

The historic Roosevelt Hotel is bringing back its famous Christmas lobby display, but with a new look. The Christmas display, which runs through Jan. 4, includes 20 birch trees, a canopy of white birch branches decorated with thousands of lights, along with 26 Douglas fir Christmas trees. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

One glass at a time in Ireland

Guinness may be what it's known for, but the island offers plenty more to explore for travellers

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Sandwiched between the Atlantic Ocean to the West, and the United Kingdom to the East, Ireland is a very special place to take a holiday.

The spectacular landscape, which ranges from the jagged mountains and sandy pearl beaches of the coast to the emerald inland vegetation and its fantastically friendly people, are part of what make Ireland one of Europe's most beautiful islands. Here's the top five must see and do's.

Oysters in Galway

Situated on the west coast of Ireland, Galway is home to the world's tastiest aphrodisiac — the oyster. The Irish equivalent to sushi and champagne, little beats a night of cracking open fresh oysters followed by a pint of creamy Guinness. The best place in the area is Kelly Galway's oysters in Kilcolgan (kelly-oysters.com)



Ireland offers many locations that are perfect for day-trip adventures.

Horseriding in Connemara

Connemara's striking landscape of rugged mountains, cobalt blue sea and jade green esplanades is best admired on horseback. Trot or gallop your way along the Connemara Trail

(connemaratrail.com), which follows the ebb and flow of the Atlantic Ocean.

Guinness in Dublin

The main factory of Ireland's pride and joy — the Guinness Storehouse (guinness-storehouse.com) in Dublin provides a good starting point to a cheerful

holiday. A visit covers the basics of stout beer making followed by the serious task of tasting. Dublin alone is worth putting your pint down for.

Gaelic culture in Donegal

Thanks to the feisty waves coming in from the



You can visit the main Guinness factory in Dublin for a tasting.

Atlantic Ocean and beautiful stretches of beach, the areas around Donegal are ideal for water sports. Bundoran is a gem for those seeking great surfing. Whilst not exactly your typical 'surfer's paradise', the mystical atmosphere, amazing wave and swell quality and reefs all add up to create the perfect surf stop.

Gaelic culture in the Aran Islands

The Aran Islands, clustered at the mouth of Galway Bay are an ideal day trip there is a frequent — and pleasant — shuttle service by ferry departing from Rossaveal Harbour. The three islands — Inish Mor, Inis Meáin and Inis Oír are "Gaeltachts" (Irish-speaking) and strongly instilled with Irish culture. The largest, Inish Mor, is peppered with historical monuments dating back to the Bronze Age and Inis Meáin is where the famous wooly Aran Jumpers are produced.

Travel deficit balloons to \$3.3B

MONEY Canada's international travel deficit widened to a record high \$3.3 billion in the third quarter from \$3.2 billion in the second.

Statistics Canada reports the main contributor was a 0.8 per cent decline in spending by foreign travellers in Canada between the second and third quarters to \$3.7 billion, its lowest level in six years.

At the same time, Canadians spent just over \$7 billion travelling outside the country, a 0.1 per cent increase.

Travel spending by foreigners in Canada has fallen by 15.1 per cent since it peaked at \$4.4 billion in the fourth quarter of 2004 — the result of a drop in



Canadians are spending more tourism dollars abroad while travellers here are tightening up their purse strings.

spending by American travellers in Canada.

The travel deficit with the United States declined by \$111 million between the second and third quar-

ters to \$2.2 billion.

Canadian travellers spent \$3.1 billion in overseas countries, up 4.3 per cent from the previous quarter. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Workology

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Workology in brief

FORMER MP NAME INTERIM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: New Brunswick's St. Thomas University's board of governors has appointed Dennis Cochrane as the institution's interim president and vice-chancellor, effective January 2010. A graduate of the University of New Brunswick and the Université de Moncton, Cochrane was mayor of Moncton from 1979-83, and an MP from 1984-88. He was elected leader of N.B.'s PC party in 1991 and was an MLA, roles he served in until 1995. Cochrane has also served as the deputy minister of education in N.B. and Nova Scotia.

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Dragons' Den



Dianne Buckner

Will return

'Tis the Season

Over the next few weeks Metro's Workology section will be shining a light on some of the jobs that pop up around the holiday season and disappear just as quickly afterwards. Check back every Wednesday.

JON TATTRIE

for Metro Canada



As the holiday season revs up, children's charities swing into gear as well, hoping to provide toys, hope and a lot of joy to kids in the greatest need.

Across Canada, the Children's Wish Foundation takes aim at making kids' dreams literally come true

by fulfilling their personal wishes, no matter what they may be. The organization works with donors, and volunteers to fulfill requests from eligible kids between the ages of three and 17 who are diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses.

Paul St-Germain, a director at the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, says that after 25 years of fulfilling wishes for children, the people involved with Children's Wish know one thing is for certain: Kids' wish requests are as creative and varied as they are.

Disney World visits and celebrities meet-ups top the list, such as the case of one girl with Leukemia who wanted to meet Robin Williams

— she did, handing him a hand-drawn collage of all the animated characters he's ever voiced while Williams spent the day with her in between film takes.



From one girl in Manitoba who dreamed of having her own white horse to a young boy on the East Coast who's only wish was to have his grandparents be able to move closer to him from Edmonton, kids have come up with some real doozies and Children's Wish has made sure to follow through.

"Each wish is a unique as the child who wishes it — no two wishes are the same. We're dedicated to working within the community to let children with life-threatening illnesses to realize their most heartfelt wish," St-Germain said.

For kids whose families

are enduring hard times, joys of the toy variety can be few and far between and toy drives throughout the country try to provide kids with a little bit of playtime joy.

"It's tremendously rewarding to be able to know you're providing a sense of joy to kids — it's incredible," said John Murray, spokesperson for the Salvation Army, which collect toys for kids every year.

To help contribute toys or volunteer with the Salvation Army, visit salvation-army.ca or call 1-800-SALARMY.

To help make a child's wish come true with the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, visit catalogueofwishes.ca to view a virtual catalogue of wishes and help contribute things or help volunteer.

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Suri likes high heels

Katie Holmes doesn't think there's anything wrong with dressing her three-year-old daughter Suri in high heels. "Like every little girl, she loves my high heels," she tells Access Hollywood. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

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Armed to the teeth

Swollen Members help bandmate overcome addiction

KAREN BLISS
for Metro Canada

There was a time Vancouver's Swollen Members was ubiquitous, touring non-stop behind a prolific output of material, and taking home three consecutive Juno Awards for best rap recording from 2001 to 2003. The group's fourth win would come in 2007 for their album, *Black Magic*, but behind the scenes things were grim.

Like an episode of A&E's addiction reality show *Intervention*, rapper Prevail and DJ/producer Rob The Viking worried and took steps to help their bandmate, rapper Mad Child, who escalated from a Percocet addiction to Oxycontin, as many as 20 80-mg a day — the equivalent of 320 Percocet, Mad Child puts in perspective.

It is nothing short of a miracle that Swollen Members have returned intact — with a fourth member no less, singer/rapper Tre Nyce — and with an impressive new album, *Armed To The Teeth*. The group is currently on a cross-Canada tour.

When Prevail finally clued into what his long-time friend and musical partner had got himself into the past two years, he says, "I was talking to (real name) Shane's parents quite frequently, letting them know what was going on. They'd say, 'Oh, he came over for dinner last week and this is where our head is at with it.' We



Swollen Members' latest album, *Armed To The Teeth*, includes details about rapper Mad Child's struggle with addiction. He finally got clean six months ago with the help of a drug prescribed by his family doctor called Suboxone, an opioid medication to treat people addicted to illicit opiates.

"I got an overwhelming response from kids or young adults that were like 'Yo, I'm going through the same s— and this really helps me.'

Mad Child

wanted to keep each other informed.

"I think we all needed a support network, just in case," says Prevail. "Who knew if my phone was gonna be the six o'clock call from the hospital or was it gonna be Shane's parents phone ringing off the hook? I wanted to be able to call them and say, 'Can you meet me down there?' It's not like we had an evacuation plan, but we were aware of each other's presence and support in this whole process."

Mad Child, whose struggle can be heard throughout *Armed To The Teeth*, particularly on the detailed track *My Life*, after several tries at rehab got clean at his parents' home six months ago with the help of a drug prescribed by his family doctor called Suboxone, an opioid medication to treat people addicted to illicit opiates.

"That's an important thing that I want to let people know about, that you can go on Suboxone and get off this s—. It is a mira-

cle drug," says Mad Child. "It doesn't get you high. It just makes it so that you can live your life again and it blocks you from thinking about doing that drug anymore. It really is incredible so I don't want people to feel helpless out there."

Mad Child has no second thoughts about being so public about his addiction.

"I definitely want to be able to talk to kids," he says. "The reason I'm so open about it is I put a couple of songs out on MySpace on my own little page before the album dropped and I got an overwhelming response from kids or young adults that were like 'Yo, I'm going through the same s— and this really helps me.'"

Precious, Spirit lead Spirit noms

MOVIES The urban drama *Precious* and the Leo Tolstoy period piece *The Last Station* each have earned a leading five nominations for the Spirit Awards that honour independent film.

The two acclaimed movies will compete for best feature film with the romance *500 Days of Summer* and the immigrant dramas *Amreeka* and *Sin Nombre*. The war-on-terror drama *The Messenger* ran second with four nominations.

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New comedy

Nicole Richie is to become a comedy star. The socialite has teamed up with US TV network ABC to create a new comedy show, in which she will also star. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Keys launches contest to take fans on trip to Africa

Alicia Keys says her first visit to Africa was so emotional and inspiring that she is ready to take others there to experience something similar.

The Grammy-winning singer is launching a contest through her charity, *Keep a Child Alive*, that will give five people an opportunity to visit the continent with her. She says her initial trip to Africa "totally changed my life."

"Going to Africa was unbelievable for me," the 28-year-old said.

"I was probably like 19 or something. I was asked to come to Africa to perform, and so you think, 'I'm just the girl from Harlem, I wrote a couple of songs on 137th Street, and then suddenly you want me to come to Africa?' And people will know me? And people will know

the songs?" It was a mind-blowing experience for me."

"I was able to see the great separation between have and have not," Keys said. "I was able to see the incredible spirit of people. I was able to learn firsthand about the AIDS pandemic of Africa."

Fans will be able to enter the contest online at the foundation's website, or by sending a text. The fee for the text is \$5, but it will be donated to *Keep a Child Alive*.

Keys said the winners, who will travel throughout Africa for five days sometime next year, will visit the people and places that were most influential to her.

"I find that the more that I'm able to connect with people's life experiences, the more I'm able to make better music," Keys said.

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Hollywood star George Hamilton has quit *I'm A Celebrity* after more than two weeks in the jungle, British TV channel ITV has confirmed. Hamilton, 70, is the third contestant to quit this series, following Camilla Dallerup and Katie Price. ANANOVA.COMS

Conflict's intimate side

Portman studied her real-life counterpart for military wife role in *Brothers*

AARTI VIRANI
Metro World News



It's an overcast Saturday afternoon, and inside a swanky, Manhattan hotel room, Natalie Portman delicately sips on a cup of tea.

"I've been doing interviews since I was 12," muses the 28-year-old, almost incredulously. For her latest film, *Brothers*, in theatres Friday, she plays a mother — and a heartbreakingly courageous one, too — for the very first time.

It's tempting to assume the sole purpose of director Jim Sheridan's film, the tale of Sam Cahill, (Tobey Maguire) a Marine gone missing in Afghanistan, is to exhibit America's never-ending war. On the contrary, *Brothers*, which also fea-

Brothers opens in theatres on Friday

tures Jake Gyllenhaal as Cahill's wayward and fresh-out-of-jail brother, is an unflinching look at conflict's more intimate face — namely, the families it ravages and ruptures along the way.

"I don't think this is a very political movie," claims Portman. A welcome respite from the self-proclaimed "cute girl parts" that are often thrust her way, she plays military wife Grace Cahill with a tenaciousness that she attributes to her extensive research: She spent time with her real-life counterparts prior to shooting.

"I was surprised at how calm and strong these women were," Portman says. "I guess it's a historical feminine trait ... to be able to rise to the occasion."

Portman is certainly on



Natalie Portman plays a mother role for the first time in her portrayal of military wife Grace Cahill in the drama *Brothers*. Also starring in the movie are Tobey Maguire (pictured) and Jake Gyllenhaal.

the rise, though she's getting tired of the constant shuttling that life as an A-list actress requires. "I'm a total gypsy," she confesses, "but at a certain point,

you can't really have a life." She has just wrapped shooting in North Ireland for *Your Highness*, where she'll star as a committed princess defending her

kingdom alongside James Franco and Zooey Deschanel.

"I kick some serious ass in that movie," she says, grinning impishly.

Character building

• Portman's not the only one who did her homework for her role in *Brothers*. While Tobey Maguire engaged in rigorous training exercises with the Army National Guard (and dropped a staggering 20 pounds to effectively portray an emaciated prisoner of war), Jake Gyllenhaal visited juvenile halls, becoming acquainted with an inspiring young man who eventually scored a spot in the film. "I brought him to Jim (Sheridan) who said, 'This boy's an actor,'" Gyllenhaal recalls. "He's in a helicopter scene with Tobey."

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Jake Gyllenhaal

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critics' corner

Steven Seagal Lawman

OK, it may sound like a parody show, but this new reality series is in dead earnest as it chronicles martial arts expert and actor Steven Seagal as he pursues his off-screen life as a deputy with Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana, a position he has held for 20 years. In the opener, Deputy Seagal and fellow officers capture an armed carjacker after a high-speed chase. 11 PM on A&E

Stars on Ice: On the Edge

For those who don't just want to watch them do it but want to know how they do it, this new skating special just the ticket. Top figure skaters including Kurt Browning, Jeffrey Buttle, Jennifer Robinson, Shawn Sawyer, Joannie Rochette, and Jamie Sale and David Pelletier offer breathtaking performances and also talk about their techniques and demonstrate their signature moves. 9 PM on CBS

The Grammy Nominations Concert Live: Countdown to Music's Biggest Night

LL Cool J ("NCIS: Los Angeles") hosts this hourlong special built around the announcement of the Grammy Awards nominations, which can add a bonanza to the take of any album, especially during the holiday gifting season. The Black Eyed Peas, Maxwell and Sugarland are scheduled to perform. 10:02 PM on CBS

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Heidi Klum lost her pregnancy weight thanks to her baby, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She modelled for Victoria's Secret six weeks after giving birth to her fourth child, and credits taking long walks with the infant for helping her shed the excess pounds. METRO NEWS SERVICES

**entertainment 23****Celebrity Buzz****Russ meets Katy's preacher parents****BUT SERIOUSLY, WHAT GUY WOULD THEY APPROVE OF?**

Katy Perry has reportedly introduced bad-boy boyfriend Russell Brand to her parents — who just happen to be pastors. "Russell must go towards the light and not toward the darkness," Perry's mother, Mary Hudson, says, according to Hollyscoop. "Only God can take the very worst person and turn them around for good." Brand and Perry's father also exchanged copies of their respective books, even though Brand's book is about his previous experiences as a drug addict.

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**Adam's dad thinks he should say sorry****TRANSLATION: THERE'S STILL TIME FOR YOU TO GET A LAW DEGREE, SON**

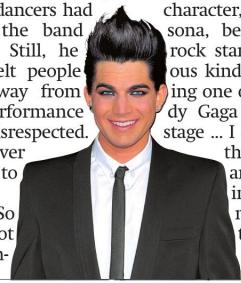
Among the people who weren't thrilled with Adam's Lambert's controversial American Music Awards performance: His dad, usmagazine.com reports. "My dad was like, 'Maybe you should apologize, Adam,'" he said on The Ellen DeGeneres Show yesterday. "I was like, 'You know dad, I don't feel like I did anything wrong. It just wasn't maybe the right judgment call. It's a taste thing more than an obscenity thing. I think it's just a taste level.'"

During his performance,

he smooched another guy, simulated oral sex and flipped off the audience. Looking back, "maybe that wasn't the best first impression to make again," Lambert, 27, says. "I mean, I had fun up there, I had a good time, my dancers had fun and the band had fun." Still, he said he felt people walked away from his performance "feeling disrespected. I would never intend to disrespect anybody. So that was not my inten-

tion." He said that "people aren't used to seeing gay men portrayed that way on TV. The gay male image in the media tends to be very clichéd and safe ... I think I got up there and put more energy ... I was putting on a character, putting on a persona, being this kind of rock star, kind of dangerous kind of guy. After seeing one of my favorites Lady Gaga tear it apart on stage ... I don't know something came over me, and I got caught up in the moment and maybe went a little too far."

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**Lady Gaga learns to embrace her 'darkness'****MAYBE HER MUSIC WILL IMPROVE**

Lady Gaga struggles to cope with feeling low while out on the road but has now learned to accept her "darkness."

"The lowest point is loneliness, being on the road. I have a chronic sadness that recurs," she said. "The lowest point was in Australia in May. I was overwhelmingly

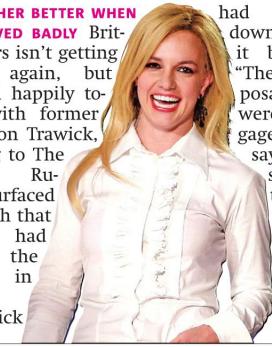
sad, and I didn't know why because I had all these things to be happy about." Despite her black moods, the singer says her emotional state inspired her to write her best ever material. She added: "I went to

the studio and played for hours and I wrote what is going to be the greatest record of my career, a beautiful song about my father. "I remember watching the mascara tears flood the ivories and I thought, 'It's OK to be said.' I've learned to love my darkness."

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**Britney, Jason aren't engaged****WE LIKED HER BETTER WHEN SHE BEHAVED BADLY**

Britney Spears isn't getting married again, but she's still happily together with former agent Jason Trawick, according to The Insider. Rumours surfaced last month that Spears had popped the question in Australia and Trawick



had turned her down, hightailing it back to L.A. "There was no proposal and they were never engaged," a source says. "Jason spent more time in Australia than originally planned. They are very happy."

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Pete apologizes for anthem gaffe**CAN ANYONE EXPLAIN WHY KATE MOSS DATED THIS GUY?**

Pete Doherty has apologized for upsetting a crowd in Munich by singing a defunct verse of the German national anthem that hasn't been used since the fall of the Third Reich, according to the BBC. "Pete himself is from Jewish descent and has fought against racism



and fascism with numerous organizations," a spokesperson for the Troubles singer says. Doherty was booted after singing, "Deutschland über alles," and was escorted off stage shortly after. His spokesperson claims he had been "unaware of the controversy" connected to the verse.

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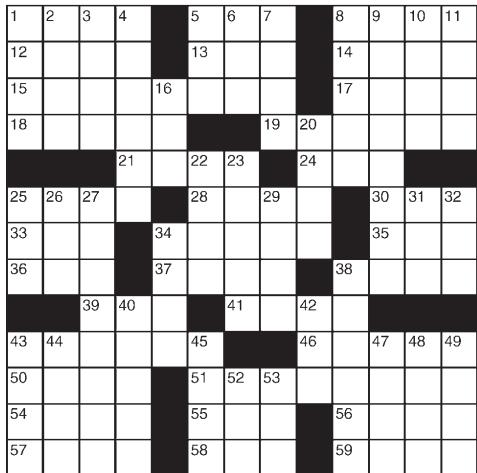


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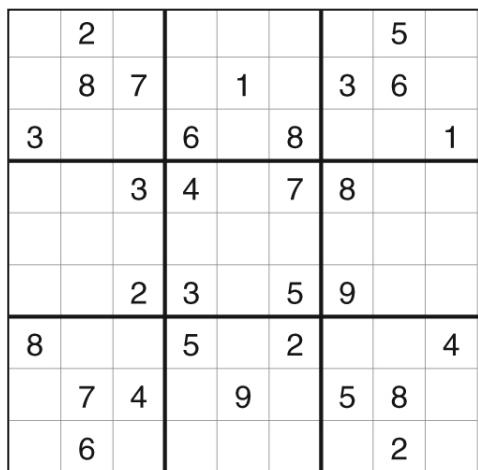
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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1 Tater
 5 Spade or heart
 8 Name for a Dalmatian
 12 Top-notch
 13 — carte
 14 Poi source
 15 Stove type
 17 From the start
 18 Young hog
 19 Don quickly
 21 Sodium chloride
 24 Violinist
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 30 Sajak or Summerville
 33 Commotion
 34 "Stop, sailor!"
 35 Listener
 36 Banned bug spray
 37 1492 ship
 38 Wan
 39 Carnival city
 41 Swallow hard
 43 Rosebush protectors

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 54 Church section
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 

There really is no such thing as luck: Bear that thought in mind if someone tells you that you've been lucky. You created that "luck" for yourself.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21 

Don't let today's full moon get you down. Soon you'll realize that what it took away from you is what you no longer need — in fact, it was in the way.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21 

Although there is a full moon in your sign this is still potentially one of the best times of the year for you, so make the most of it.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22 

You need to be more enthusiastic about what you are doing, especially on the work front. Think of your job as being fun, and most likely it will be.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23 

Sit back and take what comes your way over the next 24 hours and trust that, on balance, it will be pleasant. Don't turn down a social invitation.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22 

It is important that you make an effort to patch up any minor disputes you may be having with partners and loved ones.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22 

You may be finding it hard to make ends meet but what happens today will remind you how well off you are in more important ways.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21 

There's no point judging yourself by others' standards. In fact, the full moon urges you not to judge at all. Accept everything and everyone.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20 

Why waste so much energy trying to do things that don't come naturally to you? Play to your strengths if you want to be happy and successful.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18 

If ever there was a time to make an extra special effort that time is now. Your efforts will be supported by people who want to see you do well.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20 

If you are faced with a big problem today you must attack it in a big way. Don't pretend it does not exist or it does not really matter — because it does.

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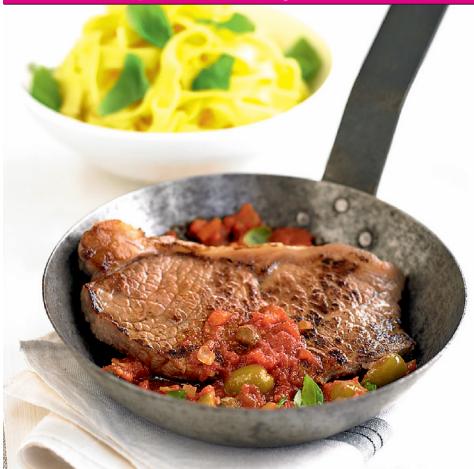
1930: Great Depression — US President Herbert Hoover goes before the United States Congress and asks for a \$150 US million public works program to help generate jobs and stimulate the economy.
 1988: The late Benazir Bhutto is sworn in as prime minister of Pakistan, becoming the first woman to head the government of an Islam-dominated state.
 1999: The U.K. devolves political power in Northern Ireland to the Northern Ireland Executive.
 2001: Enron files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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2. Add remaining oil to pan, then add onion and garlic, and cook gently 5 minutes or until softened. Stir in tomatoes and wine. Cook gently 5-10 minutes, stirring occasionally to break down tomatoes.
3. While sauce is cooking, cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain. Stir capers into sauce with olives and basil; season to taste.
4. Return steaks to frying pan to heat through, spooning sauce over meat. Divide pasta among four plates. Serve steak and sauce over top.

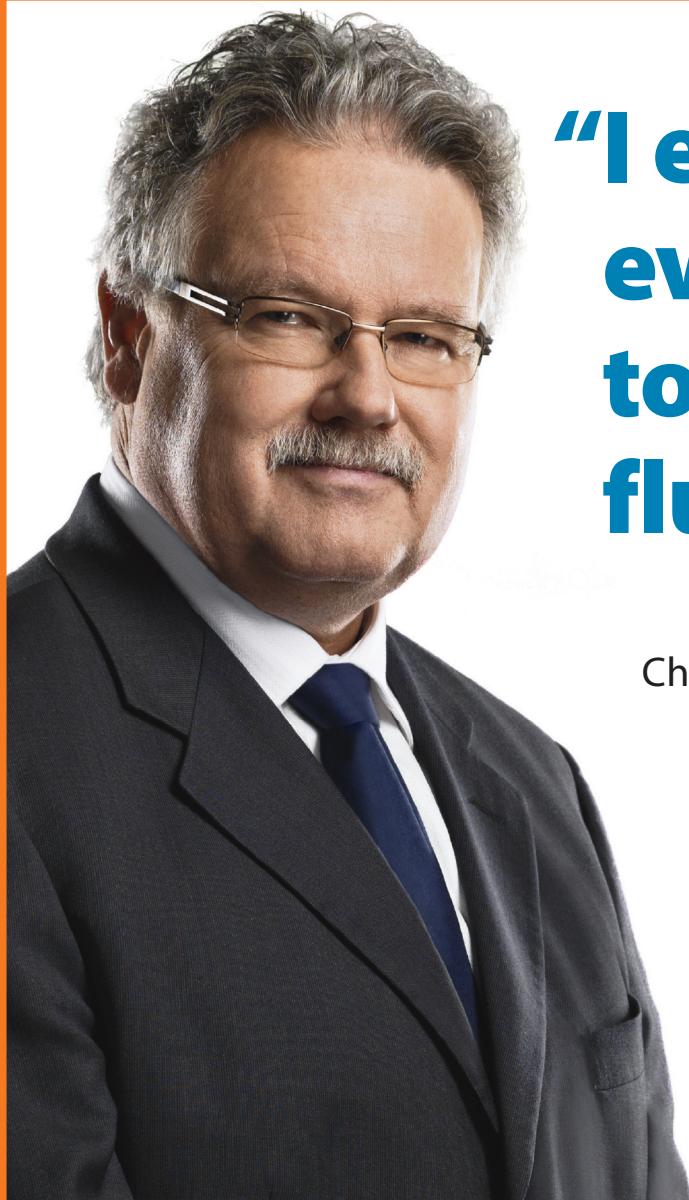
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